

News Release

Two U of M Crookston Students Receive Page Education Foundation Scholarships

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (July 30, 2007) – Two University of Minnesota, Crookston students received the Page Education Foundation scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year. Kalimah Newson-Duvall and Matthew Pelzer are the recipients of the special grant. Both students will receive \$1500 each, which will apply to their tuition, class fees, materials and the books for their full-time studies.

The Page Education Foundation offers grants to students of color who attend post-secondary schools within the state of Minnesota. In return for the awards, Page Scholars are required to give about two hours each week during the school year to a service project involving younger children of color, from kindergarten through eighth grade. The goal of this service is to encourage youth to begin value learning and develop a positive attitude toward education.

Successful candidates for the Page Education Foundation must demonstrate financial need, a positive attitude toward education, agree to perform an annual community service project and attend a post-secondary institution within the state of Minnesota. Awards consist of annual grants that range in value from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Recipients must reapply each year they are in post-secondary school and receive subsequent grants based on their academic progress and mentoring performance.

“With nearly 950 applications submitted to the Page Foundation this year, we are very pleased that two of our University of Minnesota, Crookston students were selected as recipients, said Melissa Dingmann, financial aid director. “The Page Education Program is a win-win for everyone as the students are provided scholarship dollars to help with their educational costs and in turn they give of their time to mentor the next generation of college students. The U of M, Crookston benefits by having involved citizens as part of our student body.”

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